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In re the Application of: **Gaku TODOKORO, et al.**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims with the following:

3. (Amended) A method of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a sixth step of receiving, by the first monitoring device, a control request for controlling the communications device from an operator; wherein the first step, when the first monitoring device receives the control request from the operator, the first monitoring device transmits the control command with a network address of the first monitoring device to the communications device.

4. (Amended) A method of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to Claims 1, wherein the registered data is physical data.